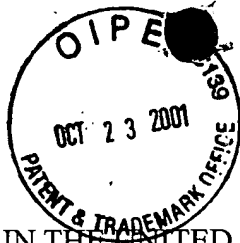


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- 1) U.S. Patent No. 4,723,129
- 2) U.S. Patent No. 4,740,796
- 3) U.S. Patent No. 4,313,124
- 4) U.S. Patent No. 4,345,262
- 5) U.S. Patent No. 4,463,359
- 6) U.S. Patent No. 4,558,333
- 7) U.S. Patent No. 4,459,600
- 8) Japan 59-138461
- 9) Japan 59-123670
- 10) Japan 54-56847
- 11) Japan 60-71260

Documents 1-2 were discussed in the specification at page 17, documents 3-5 were discussed in the specification at page 18, documents 6-9 were discussed in the specification at page 19, documents 10-11 were discussed in the specification at page 21 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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